

Friday Facts

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HIGHLIGHTS

COVID-19 TECHNOLOGY RESPONSE SYSTEM UPDATES

The [COVID-19 Technology Response System](#) includes EpiTrax, Missouri's Advanced Contact Tracing System (MO ACTS), and the Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting System. This interoperable suite of software streamlines COVID-19 response activities to ease the burden of reporting, case management, and contact tracing. Visit the [EpiTrax](#) and [MO ACTS](#) websites to register for trainings with our interactive calendar and check out our [weekly updates](#) on what's new with each system and the question of the week.

- [EpiTrax News](#): Wondering how to successfully export lab information out of EpiTrax? Make sure to edit the file name to remove any numbers at the beginning of the file name before you download. Check out the [exporting guide document](#) or watch our [video](#) for a detailed walk through.
- [MO ACTS News](#): What are office hours? If you have a question about MOACTS or EpiTrax and need immediate assistance, or if you would simply like to relay some feedback, join the next Office Hours session from our [interactive calendar](#)! System experts will be available to answer questions or walk through specific scenarios. We look forward to engaging with you!
- [Electronic COVID-19 Case Reporting News](#): Check out our new [User Guide and FAQs](#) for step-by-step guidance for each page of the system.

Look out for important system announcements and links to our latest release notes in the "Recent News" banners on the [EpiTrax](#) and [MO ACTS](#) websites. The new EpiTrax and MO ACTS [help desk ticketing system](#) is live! Submit your questions or issues online or contact the help desk at epitrax@health.mo.gov or 573-526-9533 (answered 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday).

WIC UPDATES

WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage at: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>.

- Upcoming State Holiday
- WIC Invoicing/WIC24 Invoice
- Returned WIC Formula

WORKPLACE WELLNESS MINI-GRANTS

DHSS is offering up to \$6,000 to Missouri employers interested in initiating or improving worksite wellness policies and programs and making sustainable changes that support employee health at their workplace. **To apply, complete the attached [application and budget](#), and submit by December 1 to worksitewellness@health.mo.gov.** Please e-mail questions about this opportunity to worksitewellness@health.mo.gov or call Karla Voss at 573-522-2820.

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAPABILITY

NACCHO, with support from the CDC's Division of Human Development and Disability, has an [open funding opportunity](#) to improve local health department capability to effectively address the needs of people with disabilities when planning and responding to outbreaks, pandemics and other national emergencies, particularly during the current COVID-19 pandemic. NACCHO will make up to 10 awards of up to \$83,000 each to local health departments. **The deadline to submit applications is October 13 at 11:59 pm ET.**

FLU SEASON IS OFFICIALLY HERE!

Here are several toolkits from our national partners to use to help prevent the flu.

Digital Toolkits

- [Boo to the Flu Toolkit](#): | Timing: Now until October 31, 2020 CDC recommends getting a flu vaccine before the flu starts to spread—typically by the end of October. Vaccines.gov created the Boo to the Flu toolkit to help raise awareness that everyone 6 months of age and older needs a flu vaccine by Halloween. The toolkit includes social media graphics, posts, sticker templates, posters, and more.
- [CDC Flu Toolkit](#) | Timing: Throughout Flu Season (Sept.-March)
- [National Influenza Vaccination Week \(NIVW\) Toolkit](#) | Timing: Dec. 6-12, 2020

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DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

There is no new job opportunities or news.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

UPDATE NOTICE! FALL REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

These meetings will be held **virtually via WebEX** instead of in-person due to COVID-19.

NOTE: If you plan to join a webinar outside of your region, please e-mail Brenda Buschjost at: Brenda.Buschjost@health.mo.gov so the appropriate calendar appointment can be sent. Please see the attached [agenda](#) for topics/discussion points.

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Region	Date
B	Thursday, October 15
D & G	Thursday, October 22
A & H	Tuesday, November 10
E	Wednesday, November 18
C	Thursday, November 19

Final webinar agendas for each region have been e-mailed and posted to: <https://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/meetings.php>.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE: LEAD IS STILL A PROBLEM BY US EPA REGION 7

Join in for an interactive discussion on the history of lead in our country, lessons learned and how we can improve lead poisoning prevention in future generations. This will take place during National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, **Thursday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. CDT.** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lead-poisoning-prevention-week-virtual-roundtable-lead-is-still-a-problem-registration-121025716175>.

MESSAGE MANAGEMENT DURING AN INFODEMIC

FREE, live, on-line training, Thursday, November 12, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Communication specialist, Jaci McReynolds, offers tools and tips to help local public health agencies manage messaging about COVID-19, the role of public health, and the values that connect all of us. Unpack powerful messaging tools created by national experts. Learn how to create your own message maps. Gain confidence by controlling your messages. Presenter: Jaci McReynolds, MHA, Owner, Impact Advantage, LLC. To register, please go to: <https://fs29.formsite.com/aarXPE/nmzhcx2tay/index.html>.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NURSING & EPIDEMIOLOGY POSITIONS AVAILABLE – Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC)

CCPHC nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, currently has the following positions open: Full and part-time LPN/RN's, Epidemiologist & Epidemiology Manager. CCPHC offers a competitive total compensation package. For more details on qualifications and position requirements, visit: <https://www.clayhealth.com/>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE --KANSAS CITY, MO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(Communicable Disease Prevention Division/2400 Troost); \$24.96-\$39.40/hour Open until filled (Job Opening ID #512344) Several full-time and limited-term merit positions available. Normal Work Days/Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; As a condition of employment with the City of KCMO Health Department, all new employees must commit to reside within Kansas City, MO proper limits (if not already a resident) and will also be required to submit or provide documentation of receiving an influenza (Flu) Vaccination. Openings in the Immunization Clinic, Tuberculosis Clinic and COVID/Pandemic Response. <https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/human-resources/careers-with-the-city>.

FAMILY PLANNING CLINICAL CONSULTANT – THE RIGHT TIME INITIATIVE

Missouri Family Health Council Inc., (MFHC), is seeking Family Planning Clinical Consultants to support health centers (located in Northeast, Southeast and Central Missouri) involved in *The Right Time* initiative, a multi-year family planning collaborative aimed at reducing unintended pregnancies in the state of Missouri. MFHC is a private, nonprofit organization based in Jefferson City that champions access for every individual to culturally sensitive, quality, sexual and reproductive health education and services by developing and managing family planning and related reproductive health programs. Please see the detailed job description on the [MFHC Website](#) for more information regarding responsibilities, necessary qualifications, and application instructions. This is a contract position; travel is required. Resumes are confidential; cover letter required. EOE **The application deadline for this opportunity is October 12.**

c: Dr. Randall Williams, MD, FACOG, Department Director, DHSS Staff
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